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Peking reaffirms desire for peaceful Taiwan settlement

PEKING, Jan. 2 (Agencies) — Senior Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping Tuesday assured a group of U.S. congressmen that China sought a peaceful reunification of Taiwan and the Mainland, and he said he hoped that U.S. politicians would not do anything to interfere.

Teng, engaging in a lively exchange with eight members of the U.S. House Banking Committee, sharply rejected suggestions that an industrialized China would become expansionist, and he extended an invitation to U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater to come to Peking to discuss the Taiwan question.

In Washington, Tony Smith, Goldwater's press aide, said: "We haven't received any kind of invitation, formally or informally."

Smith said Goldwater would

have no comment until he receives official notification of the invitation.

Goldwater, a staunch supporter of Taiwan, has filed suit in U.S. court seeking to prevent President Jimmy Carter from abrogating the mutual defense treaty with Taiwan.

The United States intends to scrap the treaty as a condition of its recognition of Peking, which became official Monday.

Details of Teng's meeting with the committee members, led by Chairman Thomas Ashley of Ohio, were learned from the congressmen and from a tape recording made by Republican Representative Richard Kelly of Florida.

In an effort to allay fears in the U.S. over the security of Taiwan following normalization of Sino-American relations, Teng was quoted as telling the group: "The major effort of the People's Republic of China will be to resolve the return of Taiwan through peaceful efforts."

On Goldwater's proposed visit the vice-premier, who is due to visit the United States at the end of his month, said: "I will listen with all modesty to his views and I will not quarrel with him, but welcome his views."

The representatives received a surprise invitation for a meeting from Teng when he attended a reception at the United States Liaison Office Monday to mark the establishment of full diplomatic relations.

Several members of the group closely questioned the vice-premier during the meeting Tuesday.

Teng was quoted as having told them that every man had two hands, a hand of war and a hand of peace.

"We, the People's Republic of China, will use the hand of peace to reestablish our sovereignty over Taiwan," he said.

He added that the problem of reunification was for the Chinese people to solve, but "we will respect the realities of the situation."

"We are very reasonable ...

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Turkish interior minister resigns

ANKARA, Jan. 2 (Agencies) — Interior Minister İrfan Özaydinli resigned Tuesday in the wake of riots last week which led to the imposition of martial law in most of Turkey's major cities.

Özaydinli, 55, a retired air force general and widely regarded as a strong supporter of Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit, announced his resignation at a caucus meeting of the ruling Social Democratic Republican People's Party (RPP).

"I have done my best and I would like everybody to believe that, I trust, that my successor will be more successful than I have," he said in a brief speech.

Ecevit, the party leader, accepted his resignation and

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Egypt ready to resume negotiations with Israel

CAIRO, Jan. 2 (Agencies)

— Egypt is ready to resume peace treaty negotiations with Israel and is preparing an assessment for relay to its stand on Article Six of the U.S. draft treaty. Egypt objects to having the treaty normalizing relations take precedence over its commitments to defend other Arab states in time of war.

The official, who barred use of his name, said Israel's cabinet decision on Sunday was "encouraging and a positive step."

Israel has announced its willingness to resume negotiations on at least two of the three major issues standing in the way of a peace treaty.

The authoritative "Al Ahram" newspaper noted Israel now agrees to negotiate an exchange of interpretive letters on the issues of Palestinian autonomy and reviewing Sinai security arrangements. The paper said the decision amounted to a "new position."

But differences remain. Israel has rejected timetables for Palestinian elections as well as a specific date for reviewing Egyptian troop dispo-

sitions in the Sinai Desert.

There was no indication in the Israeli cabinet announcement Sunday of a softening of its stand on Article Six of the U.S. draft treaty. Egypt objects to having the treaty normalizing relations take precedence over its commitments to defend other Arab states in time of war.

The Egyptian cabinet meets Wednesday to prepare its assessment of the "necessary basis" for resuming talks and plans to relay it to the United States, "Al Ahram" said.

Sources said the United States would determine if tan-

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New settlement attempt foiled by Israeli army

TEL AVIV, Jan. 2 (Agencies)

— The Israeli army thwarted a fresh settlement attempt by Jewish nationalists on occupied Arab land Tuesday in a display of government determination to avoid any provocations which might jeopardize resumption of peace talks with Egypt.

The 100 or so settlers, mostly new immigrants from the Soviet Union, occupied a hill top close to Jerusalem during the night and claimed they were "exercising a divine right to live anywhere in the promised land."

Troops blocked off the area and ordered the settlers to leave, warning that they would otherwise be dragged away by force.

After a few hours of half-heatedly trying to erect the prefabricated dwellings they had hauled up the hill, the settlers gave up and left.

It was the latest of several settlement attempts made in the past week by the fanatical Gush Emunim nationalist movement.

With word now awaited from Cairo on a resumption of peace treaty talks, the government has declared that while it favors the principle of Jewish settlements no unauthorized outposts will be tolerated.

On Sunday 30 families who tried to set up a new settlement at Alon Moreh, near Nablus, the largest Arab town of the West Bank, remained

camped by the roadside some miles from the town throughout the day. They had been halted at an army roadblock.

Leaders of the Gush Emunim movement told a news conference Monday that the three unauthorized settlement attempts were part of their plan to implement, in their own initiative, government promises to enlarge existing settlements during a three-month freeze on new settlement activity under the Camp David agreements.

The bloc spokesmen said the government had failed to live up to its promise to "thicken" existing settlements.

The government had not acted but only talked about acting," the spokesmen said.

Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, responsible for new settlements in Israel and the occupied territories, appealed to residents of the Rafah area to return to Egypt under a peace treaty — not to abandon their homes until alternative arrangements had been made.

He said that final plans for their relocation would not be drawn up until a peace treaty with Egypt had been signed. They would then be fully consulted.

Some residents of villages in Sinai have already announced plans to move away.

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NAIROBI, Jan. 2 (R) — Ethiopian head of state Mengistu Haile Mariam has issued a veiled warning to Somalia to stop helping guerrillas still waging a hit-and-run war in the Ogaden region. He said "this may be the last caution."

Addis Ababa radio, monitored here, said Lt.-Col. Mengistu was speaking at a graduation ceremony for cadets from the military academy at Harar in the southern Amhara mountains, a town which provided the stumbling block for Somali attempts to take over the Ogaden region last year.

Mengistu said the concept of a "greater Somalia" embracing all Somali people living within and outside the borders of the present Somali Republic should be abandoned, and Mogadishu should respect internationally recognized frontiers.

He said Somalia's response to Ethiopia's request for this had been negative. "Unless they

Foreigners allowed to leave Tehran

TEHRAN, Jan. 2 (Agencies) — A stream of foreigners left strife-torn Iran Tuesday as scattered new demonstrations against the Shah broke out in Tehran.

At least a few people were reported wounded in the capital, and the official radio said the mayor of the southeastern town of Rafsanjan was shot dead.

Former opposition politician Shahpour Bakhtiar suffered a slight setback in his efforts to form a civilian government.

The lower house of parliament cancelled a planned meeting at which it was to hold a "vote of intent" — involving advance acceptance of Dr. Bakhtiar as prime minister — because of his broadcast plea to the nation Monday night to give him a chance to end the crisis.

At Tehran airport, planes carrying Iranians as well as foreigners were able to leave Tuesday after military personnel took over the duties of air traffic controllers now on strike in protest against the Shah.

The controllers later agreed to go back to work from Tuesday night, but only to allow passengers to leave Iran, airline sources said.

The controllers said they would not handle aircraft flying in from abroad carrying passengers, but would help to get full planes out, the sources added.

"It looks like empty in, full out," one foreign airline official said.

Some Western pilots took off without traffic control supervision, flying below international flight paths in the clear weather to get their nationals home.

The departures seemed to be a prelude to a large-scale foreign evacuation in the face of the increasingly critical political and economic situation.

Many of the foreigners were flying regular commercial flights, but two transport planes from the U.S. and Belgian air forces arrived to take out dependents of their nations' military and oil company personnel.

A West German civilian airliner took Iranians and Westerners of many nationalities to Frankfurt.

Most of the departing Iranians were heavily loaded with baggage, indicating they were planning to stay out of the country for some time.

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at Giza

Saudi investors raise \$22m for hotel project

By Farouk Legman
JEDDAH, Jan. 2—Saudi private investors were involved last week in a major financing operation on the international capital market for the construction of a hotel near the Pyramids at Giza outside Cairo.

A consortium of Egyptian, Arab and international banks led by American Express last Thursday signed a loan agreement to provide \$22 million for the completion of the Giza Holiday Inn by the Al-Shams Pyramids Company for Hotels and Tourist Resorts.

Saudi investors hold 50 per cent of the company's \$13

Singapore trade group due here

By a Staff Reporter

JEDDAH, Jan. 2—A 24-member Singapore mission led by Minister of State for Finance Dr. Tai En Lung will visit Saudi Arabia, Jan. 15-24, in return for a visit paid by Saudi Deputy Minister of Commerce Yusuf Al-Hamdan to Singapore last year.

The mission, made up of 11 government officials and 13 private manufacturers, will discuss trade and the promotion of Singapore products here, a spokesman told "Arab News" Tuesday.

The mission will confer with Governor of Mecca Prince Fahd, the President of Jeddah Chamber of Commerce Sheikh Ismail Abu Daud, and a number of banking officials. It will also visit Jeddah Port.

Meanwhile—a trade mission from Britain's Cardiff Chamber of Commerce will arrive here Friday on a two-week visit.

The 15 members of the mission, all of them company executives and exporters, will visit Jeddah, Riyadh and Damman for talks with Saudi businessmen on setting joint ventures or agencies for British products.



FLOOD: A car splashes through a flooded street in Sharaa Tuesday morning after Jeddah's first proper winter rain. Flooding was worst in the Medina Road and Prince Fahd Street areas.

Jeddah gets first shower of winter

JEDDAH, Jan. 2 (SPA)—Jeddah had its first winter shower early Tuesday morning when 9 millimeters of rain fell in a 40-minute torrential cloud burst, according to the Jeddah Observatory.

At Tabuk

Minister opens power station today

RIYADH, Jan. 2 (SPA)—Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algozibie leaves for Tabuk Wednesday

morning to open the new power plant and electricity network in the northern town.

According to Dr. Nazih Nasif,

chairman of the board of the Tabuk Electricity Company, the new plant has a capacity of 38.2 megawatts. The new plant, which has cost SR 150 million, will meet present requirements of the city, he said.

He added that the Dutch company, which built the station, has also conducted a study on the city's power requirements over the next 10 years. The study is being examined by the General Electricity Organization, he said.

Nasif said subscribers had increased from 3,000 in 1977 to 9,000 last year. By the end of this year, there will be a total of 10,000 subscribers in the town, he added.

The new plant has increased power in the Tabuk grid by more than ten times.

Local Briefs

● RIYADH, (SPA)—A total of 15 municipal projects worth SR 14,213,000 to be implemented in periods ranging from two to 18 months were commissioned Tuesday by Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Prince Majed.

● RIYADH, (SPA)—Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan Tuesday received Kuwaiti Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Saad Al-Osaimi.

● RIYADH, (SPA)—Minister of Municipal and Rural

Affairs Prince Majed Tuesday received Turkey's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Fekret Baroush. Prince Majed, as acting minister of public works and housing, discussed the performance of Turkish companies in Saudi public works.

● RIYADH, (SPA)—Eight telephone channels have been added to the existing four in Tabuk's telephone network. The news channels will be linked to the Riyadh satellite ground station within the coming few days.

All Saudis soon

Asir said solving teacher shortage

ASIR, Jan. 2 (SPA)—The shortage of Saudis in the southern region school system has almost been eliminated and native teachers will fill all teaching posts "within a few years," Asir Deputy Director of Education Mhd Al-Raqedi said here Tuesday.

Of the 4,651 teachers working at primary, intermediate and secondary level in Asir, 3,751 are Saudis, Raqedi said.

Asir has 376 primary, 63 intermediate and 10 secondary schools, three schools for learning the Holy Quran, a teachers' training institute and an institute for the blind.

A total of 46 primary, 14 intermediate and three secondary schools were opened this year.

In all there are 41,000 students, with an additional 7,680 at 220 adult literacy centers, he said.

The directorate has provided a central health unit in Abha, with four branches around the province, a fleet of 220 buses, a public library in Abha and a successful school-meal system "which has had a beneficial effect on students' physical and mental well-being," Raqedi said.

Meanwhile, Crown Prince Fahd has donated SR 5 million to the College of Education in Medina, which is scheduled to open shortly, "Al-Medina" newspaper reported Tuesday.

The newly-built college has a separate section for women students.

The paper quoted Dr. Ahmed Ismail Zafar, dean of the college, as saying that the donation will go toward a public library to be named after him.

RIYADH, Jan. 2 (SPA)—The Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs Tuesday called on firms and factories in Saudi Arabia to supply labor offices with information on their personnel strength last year.

The information will be used in planning and applying labor regulations, the ministry said. Employers have been given two months in which to answer the ministry questionnaire.

KHARJ BULL: A handler shows off his prize Friesian bull introduced to improve the dairy herd at the oasis of Kharj, south of Riyadh.

RIYADH, Jan. 2 (SPA)—The King Faisal University of the Eastern Province is building a world-scale veterinary hospital in Abha under the supervision of the university's College of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Resource.

Dr. Ali Abdul Aziz Abdul Qader, vice-dean of the School of Students' Affairs, said Tuesday that the hospital will give health care to domestic animals and livestock and will carry out research and experiments for the improvement of stock breeding and arable farming in the Kingdom.

Meanwhile, a number of pre-

Short hair for long-distance

RIYADH, Jan. 2—Operators at Jeddah's international exchange have had their pay stopped until they have their hair cut, "Okez" reported Tuesday.

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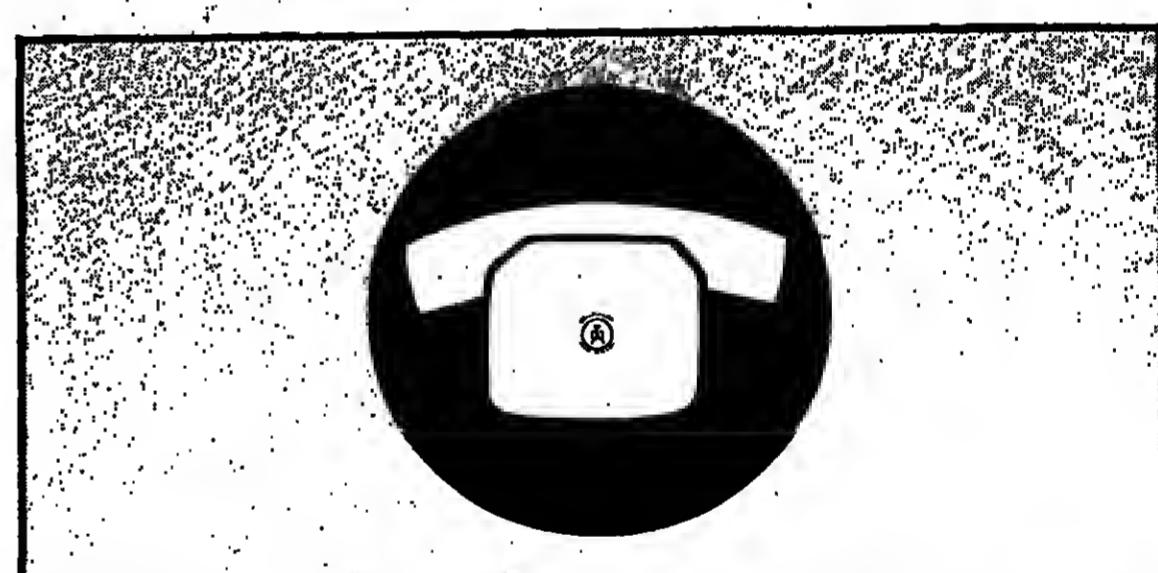
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Leavy penalties promised

Pakistan acts on labor racketeers

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 2 (R) — Pakistan's government said Tuesday it would take strong action to stamp out the practice of selling false papers and permits to people wishing to go abroad to work.

New rules on Pakistanis seeking work abroad to be drawn will include heavy penalties for bogus recruitment, a government statement added. Some 550 Pakistani agencies recruit workers for countries with manpower shortages.

Remittances from Pakistanis working abroad total more than a billion a year in vital foreign exchange.

But there have been many cases of people being cheated to leaving Pakistan with false papers and then finding themselves unable to enter the country of their destination or

Berlin is considered one undivided city by Western powers and this offers a loophole in immigration controls for people who cross the border from East Berlin.

The Pakistani government has tried to block one route by insisting on visas for Turkey, a country strategically located

Kaddoumi leads team for talks in Baghdad

BELRUT, Jan. 2 (R) — A

Lebanese commando team, led by the head of the Palestine Liberation Organization's political department Farouk addoumi, left here Tuesday for Baghdad for talks with Iraqi leaders, the Palestine news

agency WAFA reported.

It said the discussions would cover ways of confronting the results of the Israeli-Egyptian Camp David accords in the light of resolutions adopted by the Baghdad Arab summit two months ago.

Miss Bhutto's arrest extended

LAHORE, Jan. 2 (R) — Miss Benazir Bhutto, 25, elder daughter of Pakistan's condemned ex-Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, has been placed under house arrest in Islamabad for another three months, an official statement said Tuesday. She has been under house arrest since October after she had toured several towns seeking support for her father. She was accused of making speeches prejudicial to public order and inciting people to break the law.

Bangladesh martial law may end

DACCA, Jan. 2 (AP) — President Ziaur Rahman said Tuesday that martial law would be lifted within seven days after parliament was convened one month after the parliamentary polls scheduled for Feb. 12.

Qatari youth council established

DOHA, Jan. 2 (R) — The Ruler of Qatar Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al-Thani Tuesday issued a decree establishing the country's first Youth Welfare Council, it was announced here. The council, to be headed by heir apparent and Defense Minister Sheikh Hamad ibn Khalifa Al-Thani, will replace the Youth Affairs Department of the Ministry of Education.

Gulf health ministers meet

MUSCAT, Jan. 2 (UPI) — Health ministers of gulf states met here Tuesday to discuss co-ordination in medical fields including combating endemic diseases and expanding health services, Oman radio reported.

West Bank bomb kills 2 Arabs

TEL AVIV, Jan. 2 (UPI) — Two Arabs were killed Monday in the village of Isawiya when a bomb exploded and police claimed they were commandos, news reports said Tuesday.

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Locusts poised, expert claims

unable to work there. Last year West Germany repatriated hundreds of Pakistanis who were lured there by Pakistani agents promising them good job prospects and social security while unemployed.

Most of the Pakistani immigrants had flown to East Berlin and entered West Berlin, claiming political asylum as members of former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party.

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has tried to block one route by insisting on visas for Turkey, a country strategically located

for a final dash by smuggled migrants across Eastern Europe to Berlin.

There are long queues in

Pakistan for permits to emigrate, which are distributed on the basis of manpower requirements made known by the host country.

Rackets over the export of labor have flourished. Migrants are either sent abroad without documents from the host country, or simply robbed of their

agencies.

"Government policy is to encourage the export of power in a healthy way rather than putting any hindrance in this process," it said.

RAINES

Abdul Aziz Bouteflika said in the message that Morocco was "embarking on a new venture, doubtless thinking that the circumstances in which the Algerian people find themselves at this time will enable it to infringe Algeria's sovereignty."

It was dated Dec. 21. Algerian President Houari Boumediene was then in a coma that had given rise to speculation as to who would succeed him and that culminated in his death Wednesday.

The statement implied that civil servants were involved in the rackets.

It also clarified an earlier statement that it renewed the licences of only 160 recruiting agencies.

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NAIROBI, Jan. 2 (AP) — Millions of swarming locusts, escaping inadequate extermination efforts in East Africa, will infest the Middle East and the Asian Subcontinent early this year, the chairman for the Desert Locust Control Organization of East Africa (DLCOEA) warned Tuesday.

Ethiopia Radio quoted Dr. Geremew Debele as saying the insects were now simply "beyond the control of DLCOEA".

Raines

Debele, who is also Ethiopia's agricultural minister, blamed heavy rains on both of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden for the infestation, the radio said.

Locusts, large migratory grasshoppers, breed in northern Somalia, northern and southeastern Ethiopia, and parts of Sudan last year, largely as a result of control teams being unable to travel to breeding areas because of the war between Ethiopia and Somalia and Ethiopian efforts to defeat Eritrean rebels.



HAVOC: If predictions are valid, swarms of locusts such as this one — photographed ten years ago in Somalia — will sweep across the Red Sea on prevailing winds and may even threaten the Subcontinent. An Ethiopian expert says extermination efforts have been inadequate over the past year.

124 Swarms

According to the DLCOEA, last month, 55 swarms were spotted in Ethiopia in 1978. Each reportedly covered between 10 and 40 square miles.

An additional 31 swarms of locusts were seen breeding in Somalia and another 38 in parts of southern Sudan.

DLCOEA officials warned East Africa from massive crop destruction by the locusts, which can consume about twice their weight in grain each day.

Locust control officials have said a swarm covering one square mile can destroy 14 tons of grain daily during its migration.

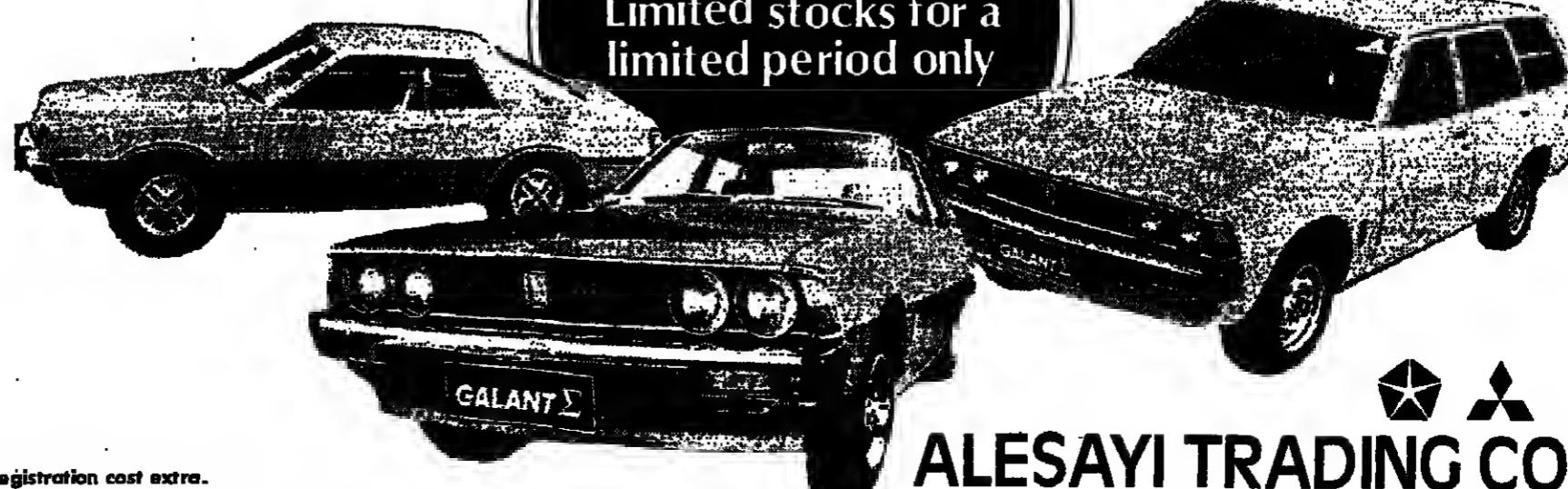
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Stricken tanker moves out to sea

LA CORUNA, Spain Jan. 2 (UPI) — The crippled and leaking oil supertanker "Andros Patria" moved away from the Spanish coast Tuesday but detergent-spraying tugs prepared to combat the estimated 15.3 million gallon slick of Iranian crude it left behind.

Calling the slick "big" a navy lieutenant who flew over the area said it lay 10 miles off this port city on Spain's northwest coast.

Draft Rhodesian constitution bows to whites on new name

SALISBURY, Jan. 2 (UPI) — A draft constitution for a black-ruled Rhodesia with a powerful measure of continued white influence was published Tuesday and contained one major surprise — the name of the new country will be Zimbabwe Rhodesia.



Smith: safeguards

The name itself was another success for the whites in the planning of the new nation scheduled to emerge after one-man, one-vote elections on April 20.

During years of struggle against white supremacy, black fighters had always referred to their hoped-for state simply as Zimbabwe.

But in recent months the white minority had pressed strongly to have the name Rhodesia retained as a symbol of their achievements.

Blacks in Ian Smith's transitional government evidently agreed to the compromise name in a bid to bolster flagging white morale, political

Rhodesian guerrillas strike white Salisbury

SALISBURY, Jan. 2 (UPI) — Black guerrillas early Tuesday blasted a house in a white region of the capital with rockets and small arms fire, causing damage but no casualties. It was the closest attack so far to the center of Salisbury.

The attack on the house of Colin and Jean Shirley in the suburbs of Borrowdale well within the Salisbury city limits was mounted by 10 to 20 insurgents, according to a friend of the family.

There were eight in the house at the time.

Mrs. Shirley said a rocket struck a steel and wood pole outside the house and fragmented. A large piece of shrapnel

blew the prevailing winds were blowing the crude north towards France and England and away from the local fishing banks and bathing beaches, maritime officials said.

The Spanish Navy said the tug "Wijsmuller" had taken the 218,000-ton ship in tow and that it was moving out to sea. Other reports said the tanker was actually sailing under its own power.

The last established position of the tanker was 50 miles off the northwestern tip of Spain. The navy first said the tanker was going "towards Lisbon" but later corrected itself to say simply that it was going "towards the southwest."

A navy communiqué said "craft based in La Coruna and equipped with means to control and counter the oil slicks are already in action." Military air-

craft kept track of the location of the slick.

The national news agency EFE estimated the spill at some 950,000 tons, but none of the official navy or government communiqués gave a figure.

The Greek-registered "Andros Patria," carrying 208,000 tons of crude to Rotterdam, ran into trouble Sunday night in gale force winds and heavy seas of the Spanish coast.

When a 15-meter crack developed in the side of the hull, the ship began to spill oil and explosions and a fire hit the tanker. The captain and 28 others including his wife and son abandoned ship and were lost.

Three men stayed on board to try to save the ship and they were picked up Monday by helicopters and saved.

Of those who abandoned ship and were lost, nine bodies have been recovered.

Officials said the bodies were burned. They said that contrary to first reports that the lifeboats capsized, the boats must have carried the people into burning oil on the surface of the sea.

The survivors said 32 people were originally aboard the tanker, and not 37 as the Spanish Navy reported.

Shooting, bombing

Two killed in Basque terrorism



PAMPLONA: Basques march for autonomy last summer. In Pamplona Tuesday a police explosives expert was killed trying to defuse a bomb, and in San Sebastian an army major was assassinated outside the house.

MADRID, Jan. 2 (Agencies)

— Presumed Basque separatists gunned down an army major Tuesday and a bomb blew apart a police explosives expert as terrorism in northern Spain wasted no time in starting 1979.

Terrorists in the city of San Sebastian were waiting for Maj. Jose Maria Herrera outside his home Tuesday morning and hit him with submachinegun fire when he started to leave for his office.

In the last three months of 1978, ETA killed 39 people, mostly of them policemen.

In Pamplona, a blast killed Francisco Berlanga Robles. He and another bomb squad member were trying to defuse a device that had been planted near the offices of a well-known



SKYLAB: The 85-ton Skylab, the American orbiting space laboratory, which is due to crash to Earth sometime between the middle of this year and the middle of the next. It has been steadily losing altitude, and scientists have abandoned hope of saving it.

But scientists scoff

N.Z. fighters prowl for UFOs

AUCKLAND, Jan. 2 (AP) — Experts pooh-poohed a TV crew's claim that it filmed UFOs but the New Zealand Air Force put a plane in the air to chase any more suspicious sky travelers that show up.

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David Mabin, head of New Zealand's Mount John Observatory, said the unidentified flying objects the Australian TV men said they filmed over the weekend and another sight-

ing reported on the east coast of Australia early Tuesday were almost certainly the planet Venus.

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Leading British astronomer Sir Bernard Lovell told London newspapers the sightings were probably meteorites that failed to burn up on entering the atmosphere, that it was "depressing and deplorable" that bright objects in the heavens could be imagined as visitors from outer space, and that such suggestions were science fiction.

The Australian television films were shown in the United States Monday on the CBS Evening News, and afterward UFO expert Allen Hynek of Northwestern University said "this is certainly one of the best if not the best, purported UFO films I've seen ... I'm cautioning us to be wary of it simply because it doesn't fit a general pattern. It is a nocturnal light and light seen in the night sky can be caused by a great many things."

Another UFO expert, Phillip Klass, an editor of "Aviation Week and Space Technology Magazine," said on the same broadcast, "my preliminary conclusion at this point is that it is probably the planet Venus and that the numerous radar echoes which were reported to be behind them, which we see no images of, were probably the familiar radar 'angels' that are so prevalent in the Southern Hemisphere at this time of year."

The arrest has not been officially confirmed by the government yet, but the news appeared for the first time in a local paper Monday and the announcement by the government-controlled radio was seen as a strong indication it was true. Earlier rumors had said the minister had fled the country.

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amounts his ministry had been given for reviving the country's ailing agricultural sector, the radio said.

Zaire, which used to be a net exporter of agricultural products such as coffee, cotton, bananas and palm oil, has to import them now to keep its needy population alive.

The situation was worsened by a severe twelve month drought that ended only a month ago which cut harvests by 70 per cent in the Bas-Zaire area, normally the main supplier of the capital.

Foreign food aid was needed to save the Bas-Zaire population from starvation.

Zaire minister reported arrested for embezzling

KINSHASA, Jan. 2 (UPI) — Agriculture Minister Tepa Tomdele Zambile has been arrested on charges of embezzling public funds, Radio Zaire reported Tuesday.

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الجامعة العربية

Major offensive seen in Cambodia; Phnom Penh says Soviets involved

PHNOM PENH, Jan. 2 (Agencies) — Kampuchea (Cambodia) Tuesday accused Vietnam of launching deep attacks inside its territory since last week and led to friendly countries in the U.N. for support.

A Cambodian official, message made public here, charged that Soviet agents have joined in attacks aimed at annexing Cambodia.

My Prime Minister, in the message to U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, said Vietnam had used MiG-21 pursuit aircraft and also "four-motor" in recent attacks on Cambodian territory. "Our conversations with these planes indicate that they are piloted by Soviet agents."

Sary charged that Vietnam's attacks were "aimed at over Cambodia and expand its expansion toward Asia to gratify its ambition and at the same time realize the ambition of world regional stability."

The statement Tuesday followed a claim by Vietnamese-backed National United Front for National Salvation, Monday, that it had captured the strategic Mekong River port of Kratie, which controls river and land supply routes to the northeast.

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Communist ally of being a "cat's paw" of the Soviet Union and a "Cuba in Asia." He said the invasion threatened world and regional stability.

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20th anniversary ceremony

Castro lashes out at U.S., China, Egypt

NA, Jan. 2 (R) — President Fidel Castro, in a speech Monday night, gaged the 20th anniversary of the Cuban revolution, Castro urged nonaligned unity.

BELGRADE, Jan. 2 (R) — President Tito, in a speech, called for unity amongst the 56 member states of the Nonaligned Movement. Tito said the movement was a "side of some people who wanted to split countries."

A bomb damages bank building

LEEDS, Jan. 2 (R) — A 140-kilo bomb Tuesday destroyed a Bank of Ireland building in Cookstown and caused widespread damage to the town center. The Provisional IRA claimed responsibility as well as for 12 smaller explosions around the area. Police said no one was injured, but that damage was extensive.

eed kidnap victim returns home

EINDHOVEN, Holland, Jan. 2 (R) — Dutch kidnap victim Frits Schutte has returned to Holland following his release by his guerrilla captors in El Salvador at the weekend, spokesman for his employers, the Philips Electrical Company, said. Schutte, 34, Philips' general manager in the Central American state, was held for 36 days by a left-wing group calling itself the Armed Forces of National Resistance (FAN).

were emerging and revolutionary victories would multiply, he said.

The U.S. was trying to force Cuba to change its policies through an economic embargo which was "a criminal attempt at strangulation and economic genocide against our people," he said.

But he said Cuba would not give up a single principle. It did not oppose diplomatic and commercial relations with the U.S. in the interests of peace, but first demanded that the embargo be lifted without conditions, he said.

The U.S. had set itself up as the owner of Latin America, trying to direct the politics of the continent, and backing bloody repressive regimes in Nicaragua, Chile and elsewhere, Castro said.

"Tens of thousands of dead directly from repression ... that is the macabre fruit of regimes set up and supported by the United States" he declared.

"Who told the U.S. that the peoples of Latin America cannot choose socialism?" Castro asked.

The U.S. was a "rotten



Fidel Castro

pseudo-democracy," which discriminated against blacks, and allowed violence, vice and crime, he added.

The speech was Castro's most severe attack on the U.S. in the past two years, but it was not clear if it signaled any significant worsening in relations between the countries.

These have improved somewhat since President Carter came to office.

The bitter attack on both Peking and Washington came on the heels of the U.S.-China rapprochement.

launched their second "strategic offensive" on Dec. 25. The first was staged a year ago and was, according to Cambodian claims, repulsed with heavy Vietnamese losses.

"The ruthless, savage international enemies are inflicting all kinds of devastation on the Kampuchean nation and people, and are causing us a difficult time temporarily," he said.

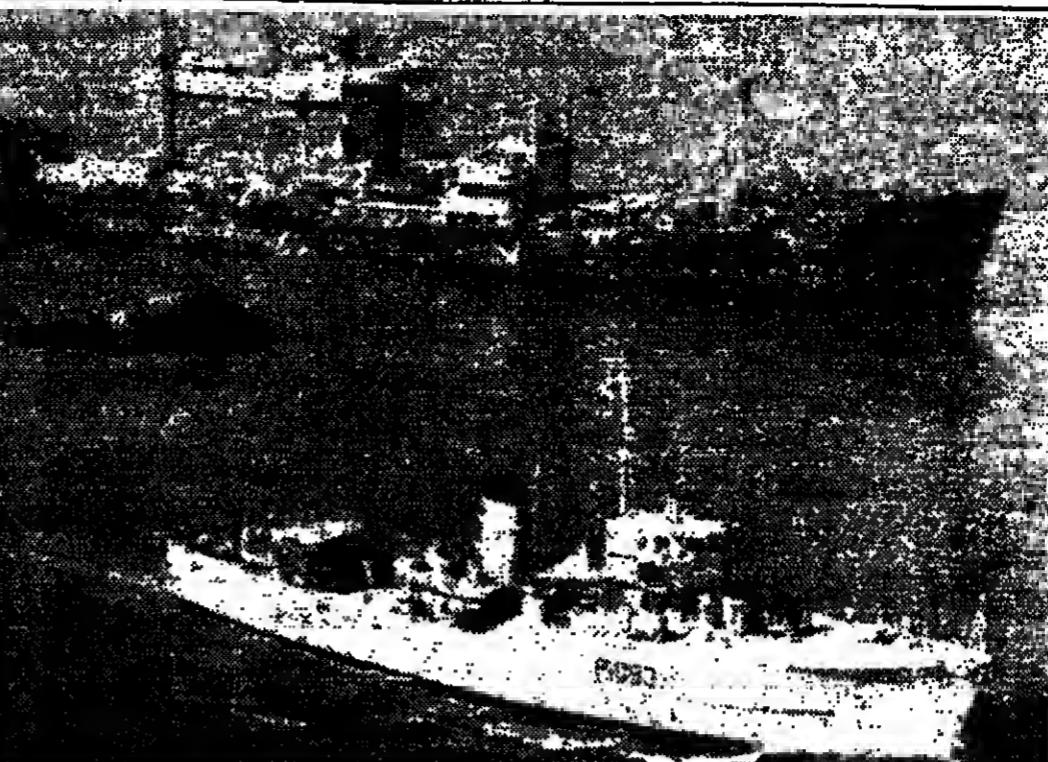
The speech, the date of which was not given, did not mention the insurgent group formed last month which has vowed to topple the Phnom Penh government and has taken credit for the Kratie capture.

The front in turn has not mentioned Vietnamese involvement. A communiqué released Tuesday by the front's news agency, SPK, said one of its key policies was to end the border conflict with Vietnam.

Samphan said Vietnam and its supporters had also mobilized forces to launch an invasion into the northeastern provinces of Ratanakiri and Kratie and along National Route 7 in the east, "most arrogantly and savagely committing deep penetrations into Kampuchean territory in complete disregard of international law and practice and of world public opinion."

The statement, broadcast by Radio Phnom Penh and monitored here, appealed for support from all Kampuchea's friends in its protracted border war with Vietnam which is growing in intensity. It called on U.N. members and non-aligned countries for help.

China backs Phnom Penh in its border conflict



SUPPLIES: A Royal Navy helicopter on a recent supply mission flew to the 'Huey Fong,' anchored 1.5 kilometers off Hong Kong. Tuesday, a refugee died on board the ship for the first time since it came to the colony.

Tung An' still off Manila

Refugee dies aboard 'Huey Fong'

HONG KONG, Jan. 2 (Agencies) — A Vietnamese refugee died Tuesday of internal bleeding aboard the stranded Taiwanese freighter "Huey Fong" — but Hong Kong still stood firm on its decision to bar entry to the 2,700 homeless on the ship.

A government spokesman said, "Of course this is very sad and unfortunate, but the Hong Kong government's position remains the same. This is not the ship's first port of call."

With no apparent chance of the Hong Kong authorities wavering, the refugees face a long, lonely wait at sea. They appear now to have one hope — enough Western sympathy for their plight will build up so that they can find a new home elsewhere.

The captain of the "Huey Fong" saga entered its 11th day, the ship's Taiwanese skipper radioed news of the first death aboard the ship.

He said the 59-year-old refugee had died bleeding shortly after midnight.

It was not known whether the man will be buried at sea or taken ashore. Two sick refugees, a 43-year-old man and a baby girl, were also airlifted to hospital before dawn Tuesday, bringing to 19 the number who have needed medical attention.

Meanwhile, off Manila, the captain of another refugee ship, the "Tung An," said Tuesday many of the 2,300 boat people crammed on its deck and in its cargo holds would jump into Manila Bay rather than return to the high seas aboard the rusting freighter.

Those who did not would take the risk of suffocation inside the steaming stinking cargo holds, said Captain Suen Dah Sing.

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Richard Nixon

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Rose Bowl unscathed by minor earthquake

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2 (AP) —

An earthquake was nationally televised as it shook a five-county area Monday in southern California during the Rose Bowl game in Pasadena. Authorities reported no injuries or damage. The quake measured 4.6 on the Richter Scale.

There were more than 105,000 people at the Rose Bowl game between Michigan and Southern California, which was on national television, but the tremor went undetected by most and play was not affected. (See Rose Bowl story, page seven.)

The tremor, at 3:14 p.m., was centered in Santa Monica Bay, said officials at the Seismology Laboratory at the California Institute of Technology. It reached from San Diego in the south into Ventura County, 320 kilometers north, and was felt in San Diego, Los Angeles and Ventura Counties along the coast and as far east as San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, 120 kilometers inland.

Across the world in Soviet central Asia, an earthquake shook areas of the Republic of Tadzhikistan early Tuesday. Tass reported, causing no damage.

The Soviet news agency said the quake, which occurred at 12:30 a.m. Moscow time, was centered in the Tadzhik capital of Dushanbe.

Russia sends cult money back to Guyana officials

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Jan. 2 (AP) — The Soviet embassy gave the Guyanese government \$7,000 Guyanese dollars received from a member of the Peoples Temple, a Guyana government official has confirmed.

The sum is worth about \$34,800 at current exchange rates. The official said the packet also contained two American dollars.

He said the Soviets handed over the money Dec. 8 to officials of the protocol division of Guyana's foreign ministry. According to official sources,

Unprincipled

Soviets rewrite history on Nixon

MOSCOW, Jan. 2 (R) —

A Soviet foreign affairs weekly has described former President Richard Nixon as "an unprincipled politician" who supported detente only to win a second term in the White House.

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even after his resignation in 1974, was to show that the former president, who had

developed a friendly relationship with Kremlin leader Leonid Brezhnev, was a "realistic politician" who had been toppled as a result of a plot by enemies of detente.

The "Za Rubezhnom" commentary contained an echo of that line but said Nixon's support for better relations with Moscow was hypocritical because he had "built his entire political career and uncontrollable drive for power on fierce attacks on communism and the Soviet Union."

When he reached the office of president he upset the real rulers of America" who put him in the presidential chair, the journal said.

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'REMAINING HURDLES'

The "important" political statement promised by the Egyptian government today will only be important if it announces the end of negotiations with Israel and rejection of all Israeli conditions for resumption of the talks. The Cairo media describes every official statement as "important" but only a few have a justifiable claim to importance, and the ending of direct negotiations with Israel will have one. Israel had made it absolutely clear that it will not change its position on withdrawal from the occupied territories and the text and interpretation of Article Six in the proposed peace treaty which gives the treaty priority over Egypt's Arab commitments. This being the case there does not seem to be any good reason to resume the talks.

But for unknown reasons, Egypt has not given up hope. A senior Egyptian negotiator said in newspaper interview this week that the talks had not hit the end of the road yet and that more contacts were necessary to overcome the remaining hurdles. The "remaining hurdles" have been the only hurdles of substance all along and unless — and if — they are eliminated there is no use talking about the settled 90 per cent of the issues because their settlement has never been the subject of much doubt anyway.

Only the termination of the negotiations process will allow the opening of a new leaf in relations between Egypt and the opposing Arab countries. The dispute since the Baghdad summit conference has not been personal but rather over substance. The other Arab states have warned from the start that the Camp David formula and the resulting negotiations in Washington will not achieve the basic minimum of Arab demands. Egypt has insisted that negotiations can lead to a successful conclusion. Events of the past few weeks have underlined that a government headed by Menahem Begin will not help the achievement of a just, lasting and honorable peace in the Middle East. But while the suspicion of the other Arab states have now been confirmed beyond a shred of doubt, Egypt's insistence on upholding the peace initiative has remained unchanged.

If Egypt now agrees to accept what the other Arabs have seen from the start, a basis for the restoration of Arab unity of action will have been established. This would open the way for another Arab summit conference to agree on the "minimum" Arab demands that all the other Arabs can support. Even in the absence of Egypt, the Baghdad summit has been able to avoid extremist positions and should Egypt return to the fold, the possibility of working out a position and strategy that would not alienate the Washington administration should be very good. Even the Palestine Liberation Organization has been showing moderation in recent weeks and the National Council meeting in Damascus in less than a fortnight will confirm this trend. The Palestinians are seriously talking about creating a government-in-exile to help the Washington administration in overcoming the complex of dealing with the PLO. Jordan is also expected to play a more positive role in representing the Palestinians and helping the PLO in excusing this representation.

Leaving Iran

By Thomas Kent

TEHRAN —

Sprawled on airport benches and on the floor, waiting for long-delayed flights, foreign residents trying to leave Iran said they feared for their personal safety if they remained in the country.

Walkouts by airport employees threw air schedules into confusion. Parts of the passenger terminal were closed down, and travelers waited outside the building or in crowded ticketing areas for news of their flights.

Several foreign embassies warned Sunday that citizens without essential business in Iran should get out of the country as soon as possible.

"I decided no job was worth my life," Ted Ellerbee, a 41-year-old mechanic from Fairfield, California, said as he waited for a delayed Pan American flight. Ellerbee was part of a group of U.S. employees of Bell Helicopter International who gave up their jobs Sunday at a helicopter plant in Isfahan, 420 kilometers south of Tehran, and traveled all night by bus to Tehran airport.

Isfahan has been a center of violent demonstrations against the reign of the Shah.

Ellerbee, a U.S. Air Force mechanic for 22 years, said he could hear gunfire every night

in Isfahan, mail and phone service were interrupted by the strikers and disorders and Bell employees suffered a number of anti-American incidents. He said he was spat on once by demonstrators.

Varianne Cogswell of Mineral Wells, Texas, the wife of a Bell Helicopter pilot instructor, said living conditions in Isfahan were deteriorating rapidly.

"The lights were going off every night, water was going off and there weren't any new groceries coming into the stores," she said. Identifying herself smilingly as a "devout coward," she said she barely left her house during the disorders.

Bell technical inspector John Shea of Colorado Springs, Colorado, said he had two big rocks thrown at his back after one Isfahan demonstration, and that youths on motorcycles played at pretending to run him down.

Members of the Bell group displayed crudely printed leaflets, beginning "cursed Yonky" and condemning "U.S. imperialism," that had been thrust into their cars by demonstrators.

In a display of grim humor, Bell employees ordered T-shirts emblazoned "stay and die with BHI" (Bell Helicopters International) and "keep a low profile." Both were decorated with imitation bullet holes. — (AP)



Chinese low-profile in U.S.

By George Gedda —
WASHINGTON —

"What section of the liaison office do you work in?" an American asked a Chinese diplomat at an embassy reception.

"I am an official," the diplomat replied.

After an embarrassed silence, the American excused himself and drifted away in search of someone more informative to converse with.

Moments later, the six Chinese at the reception all left together, with the highest-ranking diplomat out the door first, followed by the rest, all in order of their rank.

"They always do that, both when they come in and when they leave," remarked a Western diplomat. "They never deviate from the pecking order. For a supposed classless society, they do some strange things."

Discipline, control, regimentation. These are the words frequently used by those most familiar with Chinese diplomacy since Peking opened its mission five years ago.

There has not been an easy exchange of information between the Chinese envoys and U.S. officials. Some American diplomats, for example, hesitate to ask a newly arrived Chinese about his family life for fear he may take offense.

Most also refrain from asking a Chinese about his assignment here. For that answer, the Americans must rely on accumulated impressions. If a Chinese second secretary, for example, shows up for three consecutive meetings on Sino-

American trade matters, the Americans then conclude that his specialty is trade.

Now that the barrier to normal relations has been overcome, diplomats here are wondering whether the Chinese will loosen up. "We should have the answer to that by next summer," said one observer.

The Chinese language is given as one reason for the introverted behavior of the officials Peking has sent here. One specialist in the language said it is almost impossible to communicate in Chinese without conveying an opinion because there are so few neutral words.

Chinese history also plays a role. Such Western concepts as free speech and democracy are considered luxuries by the Chinese. A nation that suffered widespread hunger as well as invasion and exploitation by foreigners attaches importance to stability, security and enough food for the masses. Personal freedom is thus subservient to the achievement of these monolithic goals.

Americans tend to underestimate how nationalism has shaped the Chinese character. The way Chinese see themselves perhaps best expressed by the word "China," which translates to "center country." in other words, all other countries are at the periphery.

With Chinese sensibilities easily ruffled, the Americans who deal with them must take unusual precautions. There have been embarrassments. "A few years ago, the U.S. Passport Office sent a memo to

all foreign missions in Washington seeking certain information.

The memo contained references to all diplomatic offices here, including Taiwan's. The Chinese liaison office quickly returned the memo without providing the information asked for because of the reference to Taiwan. An accompanying note stated that the memo demonstrated the United States was pursuing a two-China policy.

The Chinese have gone to some lengths to insulate the more than 100 employees of the mission from exposure to Americans.

All except the head of the liaison office, Chai Tse-min, live, work and eat at the mission. Chai, who previously served as ambassador to Hungary, Egypt, Guinea and Thailand, lives in a nearby house.

Security precautions at the mission are unusually rigid. Rather than rely on American labor, the mission has workers flown in from China for most repair jobs.

Chinese diplomats virtually never are seen alone around town. So recreation, group outings at area amusement parks are favored.

One China-watcher said it was his impression that the Chinese are almost as guarded with each other as they are with Americans.

"With all the flip-flops over the years, the Cultural Revolution and the counter-Cultural Revolution and other shifts, the Chinese keep their thoughts to themselves," he said — (AP)

Saudi press review

"Al-Bilad" tackled what it thought would be two important developments in the Middle East:

The possibility of forming a Palestinian government-in-exile, probably in the middle of next month.

This would lend the PLO greater international prestige and a more definite identity.

The reported willingness of both the PLO and the United States to enter into a dialogue which could lead to American recognition of the PLO "now that it is clear that unless the Palestinian question is solved, the Middle East problem will defy an easy solution."

According to the paper, the peace talks — between Egypt, the United States, and Israel — "may have been intentionally stalled to add another dimension to them — that of the Palestinian issue so that a just and comprehensive solution may be arrived at in the region. Hence, we may expect a few political surprises that

would in turn reflect positive developments in the situation."

In a critical column on "Okaz" — the national carrier — "Okaz" lambasted the airline for what it said was a "serious case of inefficiency." The writer said he had requested a reservation on a certain flight to Europe but was told that according to the computer the flight was fully booked as was the next flight.

But after mentioning the matter to a friend, the latter assured him of his seat and he went on the flight he had originally requested. To his amazement, he found nearly half the seats on the plane unoccupied despite the computer operator's claims that it was booked solid. "No wonder," the writer said, "that Saudi Arabia loses so much money."

He was not sure, he said whether it was "a deliberate plan to cause such losses, or whether it was negligence or plain inefficiency."

"Okaz" also dealt with the

Carter's defense legislation

By Pat Towell

WASHINGTON —

At first glance 1978 was a good year for President Carter in defense legislation.

Both the House and the Senate rejected decisively several moves to raise or lower the Defense Department's budget recommendations. And by unexpectedly large margins, Congress supported Carter's position on the year's two major battles over new weapons: the B-1 bomber and a fifth nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, both opposed by the president.

But some other important policy battles were not fought during the year, particularly those on a new Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty with the Soviet Union and on Carter's plan to withdraw all U.S. ground forces from South Korea. In each case the president stayed his hand, at least in part for fear of vehement congressional opposition.

Where Carter succeeded, he did so by committing his administration unconditionally to continued growth in Pentagon spending.

He based his opposition to the bomber and the carrier on the argument that each would be less effective than other weapons programs: the cruise missile — which is still in the development stage — and smaller, but more numerous, warships.

Congress generally handled defense issues in 1978 the same way they had been handled in the previous four years — the period since the October 1973 Middle East War.

For all the rhetoric about a reassertion of the congressional role in foreign policy decisions,

Congress continued to show a strong tendency to defer to the commander-in-chief on the details of military policy.

This presidential flexibility, however, appeared to be contingent on Carter's hewing to a fairly narrow path that depended on a real annual increase in the Defense Department's budget, modernization of Army and Air Force equipment in Western Europe and modernization of the U.S. strategic weapons arsenal.

Deferred at least until 1979 was a resolution of the dilemma that would confront both Carter and Congress as the modernization programs move into full swing and begin to cost substantial sums of money.

A president who was committed to balancing the federal budget and a Congress elected in the year of a taxpayers' revolt would have to reconcile their fiscal conservatism with new programs that would be extremely costly, even by the Pentagon's standards.

And in the last weeks of 1978, Carter was severely criticized by liberal Democrats, many of whom had been

suspicious that he lacked sympathy with the party's traditional support of domestic welfare programs.

At issue was Carter's reported decision to allow the Pentagon's budget for fiscal 1980 to grow by three percent, after taking into account the cost of inflation. Major domestic programs, on the other hand, reportedly were to be severely constrained to keep the total federal budget deficit under \$30 billion.

A Senate amendment that

would have cut the budget re-

quest by a symbolic \$1 billion received a mere 11 votes.

Carter beat the supporters of the B-1 and the nuclear carrier by unexpectedly large margins. And in each case the House, in backing the president, reversed at least one previous vote in favor of the new weapon.

In each case, Carter insisted that he was opposing a weapon whose time had passed in order to invest in other projects that would do the same job more effectively. While the immediate effect was to kill a proposed defense expenditure, the promised alternatives would eventually cost about as much as the weapons they were to replace.

The long crusade against the B-1 had laid heavy emphasis on the plane's \$100 million-a-copy price tag. But Carter and Defense Secretary Harold Brown based their decision to go with the cruise missile instead of the B-1 on the former's promise of greater effectiveness against Soviet air defenses.

Carter's strategy was even more clear in the White House's efforts to get Congress to sustain his veto of the \$2 billion aircraft carrier.

At the insistence of the House Democratic leadership, he stressed that his purpose was not to cut the money from the budget, but rather to spend it on "higher priority" defense projects that would more directly beef up NATO's capability to defend Western Europe. And he unequivocally committed himself to requesting a slightly less expensive, non-nuclear carrier in 1979.

Despite sophisticated arguments that tried to justify their role in future U.S. strategy, the bomber and the carrier were subjected to heavy criticism as symbols of military obsolescence.

With the end of the Vietnam War, the B-1 had become the surrogate target for critics of Pentagon spending. Capitalizing on the plane's price tag of \$100 million-a-copy and its failure to meet some of the more extravagant design goals for it, critics ridiculed the plane as a plaything for generals. An energetic anti-B-1 lobby bombarded the press and members of Congress with arguments against production at a relatively slow pace.

But the same themes attracted liberals who were critical of the Pentagon's share of the federal budget and of its presumed influence on U.S. foreign policy: the ship was extremely expensive — \$2 billion, without its deckload of planes — and opponents painted images of beribboned admirals swaggering around the quarter deck to no real purpose.

Other expensive weapons had faced such attacks in the previous decade, but what sealed the doom of the B-1 and the carrier was the skepticism of many members who were not usually inclined to cut Pentagon programs.

House Appropriations Committee chairman George Mahon, D-Texas, apparently spoke for many members when he said, in opposition to both the bomber and the carrier, that the weapon of the future clearly was the intercontinental missile. Neither the bomber nor the carrier would play more than a marginal role in any conflict with the Soviet Union, according to Mahon. (CQ)

vice of national issues and is in no way prejudiced towards a particular party.

"Our aim is to consolidate Arab unity and work to repair any damage," the paper said.

When the 95th Congress final-

ly went home in mid-October,

it became apparent that Con-

gress, during fiscal 1979, would

appropriate essentially the

amount (\$126 billion) the ad-

ministration requested for national

defense for the year.

Through most of the year,

Penn State beaten

Alabama, Trojans in title contention

NEW YORK, Jan. 2 (AP) — Second-ranked Alabama beat top-ranked Penn State in the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans Monday to put in a strong claim for college football's national championship, but third-ranked Southern California made a bid as well with a victory in the Rose Bowl.

Alabama topped hitherto unbeaten Penn State, 14-7, on an eight-yard touchdown run by Major Ogilvie with 21 seconds left in the third quarter. Then with seven minutes left in the game and Penn State just one yard away from a touchdown, the underrated Crimson Tide defense twice stopped running backs from scoring.

The Trojans, paced by quarterback Paul McDonald and all-American halfback Charles White, maintained the West's Rose Bowl mastery Monday with a 17-10 victory over Michigan in a game punctuated by an earthquake.

A temblor, a relatively minor quake with an epicenter in the Pacific Ocean about 40 kilometers west of the Bowl, took place just before halftime but did not interrupt play or bother the 105,629 spectators.

McDonald passed 9 yards to Hovy Brenner for one touchdown and White ran 3 yards for the other on a controversial play as the Pac-10 held the Big Ten a fifth straight year. Frank Jordan added a 35-yard field goal for Southern Cal.

The results gave Alabama and Southern Cal the best shot at the top ranking in the Associated Press poll, to be released Wednesday. Southern Cal defeated Alabama earlier in the season.

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| Alabama | 0 | 7 | 7 | 0-14 |
| Michigan | 0 | 3 | 7 | 0-10 |
| Southern Cal | 7 | 10 | 0 | 0-17 |

Orange Bowl

Sooners avenge loss to Cornhuskers, 31-24

MIAMI, Florida, Jan. 2 (AP) — Heisman Trophy winner Billy Sims and quarterback Thomas Loft each scored two touchdowns Monday night as fourth-ranked Oklahoma defeated Big Eight arch-rival Nebraska, 31-24, in the Orange Bowl.

The Sooners, avenging their only defeat of the season at Nebraska on Nov. 11, erupted for two touchdowns and a field goal on their first three possessions of the second half to open a 31-10 lead and survived a fourth-quarter rally by the Cornhuskers.

Sixth-ranked Nebraska, 9-3, cut the margin to 31-17 with 9:12 remaining, then recovered a fumble at the Oklahoma 42 but failed to sustain a drive on a fourth-and-one at the Oklahoma 7. The Cornhuskers scored on the final play through Junior Miller.

Sims scored on runs of 2 and 11 yards and totaled 84 yards on 24 carries. He had lost two critical fumbles in Nebraska territory in the fourth quarter of their Big Eight conference regular-season confrontation, which the Cornhuskers won 17-14.

Loft scored on runs of 3 and 2 yards as he rushed for 74 yards and passed for another 46. He engineered touchdown drives of 69, 73, 70 and 60 yards.

Oklahoma's other score came on a 26-yard field goal by Uwe von Schamann after a fumble and interception on the Nebraska 27.

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| Oklahoma | 7 | 7 | 17 | 0-31 |
| Nebraska | 0 | 0 | 3 | 14-24 |

Cotton Bowl

4th-quarter Irish blitz smites Cougars, 35-34

DALLAS, Texas, Jan. 2 (AP) — Notre Dame quarterback Joe Montana completed an 8-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Kris Haines as time ran out Monday, and Joe Unis kicked the vital extra point to give the Fighting Irish an incredible 35-34 comeback victory over the stunned Houston Cougars in the Cotton Bowl.

Unis had to kick the extra point twice because the Irish were penalized for illegal procedure the first time.

Montana, who left the game at one point in the second half because he was ill with flu, led a 21-point Irish outburst in the fourth quarter.

On fourth down at the Houston 29, defensive tackle Mike Calhoun stopped Cougars running back Emmett King cold with 28 seconds to go.

Montana scrambled 12 yards, then passed to Haines, who stepped out of bounds on the Cougar 8. A pass misfired, then Haines made his acrobatic catch in the right corner of the end zone.

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DELIGHT: Australian bowler Rodney Hogg throws up his arms in delight as Graham Gooch heads back to the pavilion after being caught lbw on a Hogg off-cutter. Hogg took 3 for 35 Tuesday and has now taken 25 wickets in the Ashes series.

Vilas to meet Marks in Aussie Open final

MELBOURNE, Jan. 2 (AP) — Australian John Marks outlasted Arthur Ashe Tuesday to move into the \$300,000 Australian open final.

Marks defeated Ashe in a marathon center court semi-final battle, 6-4, 6-2, 1-6, 9-7. Both players received a standing ovation from the crowd of 120,000 after their 3-hour, 40-minute struggle.

Marks, 26, an electrical engineering graduate, will meet top-seed Guillermo Vilas of Argentina in the final. Vilas coasted past injured American Hank Pfister 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 in the other semifinal.

Marks warmed up for his semifinal by shooting starlings with an air rifle.

For the third time in the tournament, Ashe seemed headed for a five-set win when he wiped out a two-set deficit by racing through the third and fourth sets with the loss of only three games.

Marks finally held serve in the 15th game to take an 8-7 lead. He reached his first match point with a forehand down the line for 40-30 and clinched victory when another vicious top-spin forehand return forced Ashe to volley into the net.

In the women's events, American Betsy Nagelsen, 22, took just over an hour to surge into the final Monday when she powered Australian Chris Masterson, 7-5, 6-4, in the semifinals.

Australia's Chris O'Neill took even less time to crush local player Dianne Evers, 6-0, 6-3, and will meet Nagelsen in the final Wednesday.

Ruzicka beaten

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP) — Unseeded Renee Richards, 44, making her first appearance since undergoing surgery on her left foot in September, upset No. 6 seed Virginia Ruzicka 5-7, 6-4, 7-5 Monday in the opening round of the \$125,000 Washington stop of the women's pro tennis tour.

In the only other match in-

Son to repeat Hillary's climb

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Jan. 2 (AP) — Peter Hillary, the 24-year-old ski instructor son of Everest conqueror Sir Edmund Hillary, will shortly follow in his father's footsteps.

He has been given permission by the Nepalese government to lead a New Zealand expedition of three mountaineers in an attempt to climb Mount Amadablam in the Himalayas later this year.

Sir Edmund climbed the 6,750-meter mountain in 1962 but other attempts have failed.

Despite the presence of four Saudi internationals in the Ittifaq ranks the Dammam side was never a threat to a confident Ittihad and it was a surprise that the Jeddah team was only one goal ahead at half-time. Hamdan's se-

Sports

Hogg rampant again

England tumbles to hopeless 171 for eight

MELBOURNE, Jan. 2 (AP) — Australia has the third Test within its grasp after an amazing day's cricket at the Melbourne Cricket Ground Tuesday.

Australia needs to take only two England wicket Wednesday to secure its first win in the series and keep the battle for the Ashes alive.

At Stumps on the fourth day England was in diabolical trouble at 171 for eight, still 111 runs behind with only tailenders Bob Willis and Mike Hendrick to come.

The best England could hope for would be a draw, highly unlikely despite Melbourne's fickle weather.

Captain Mike Brearley could not, in his wildest dreams, expect the likes of Willis, Hendrick and John Emburey (2 not out) to hold out for six hours Wednesday.

Australian captain Graham Yallop had set England a target of 283 to win in 12 hours test 38 minutes, a tall but not impossible order in the fourth innings of a Test match.

England, in chasing this target lost its eight wickets in a day where 11 wickets fell for only 175. Australia resumed this morning at 163 for seven and was dismissed after adding only four runs in 28 minutes.

England began its innings at 11.38 a.m.

Disaster struck only seven minutes later as Brearley was taken for a duck caught at the wicket by John MacLean in seam Geoff Dymock's first over. He had fallen to an Australian trick. Dymock was used to open in preference to Alan Hurst in an effort to tempt Brearley outside the off stump.

Further disaster beset the Englishmen at six when Derek Randall, again shuffling across his crease, was trapped lbw on the third ball of Rodney Hogg's second over.

England had lost two wickets in six deliveries, but a series of fighting partnerships almost turned Australian joy to gloom.

A third wicket stand of 65 in 97 minutes between Geoff Boycott and Graham Gooch looked to have steadied the collapse.

At 71, Gooch was beaten by an off-cutter from Hogg to be trapped lbw for a well-made 40. Then Boycott and youngster David Gower took the score to 122 before Boycott was trapped lbw before to Hurst — one of four such decisions in the innings so far.

Boycott in his innings Tuesday showed his great experience. He preferred to give the strike to the menacing Gower who made more than half of the 51 they had put on for the fourth wicket.

Ian Botham joined Gower and they began to look dangerous and Yallop admitted after stumps Tuesday that he was worried during their 41-run partnership.

But once Botham had departed for 10 at 163 the inning fell apart. Three batsmen followed Botham in quick succession.

Gower was lbw to Dymock for 49 at 163. Geoff Miller

was caught at short leg off Jim Higgs at 167 and Bob Taylor gave MacLean his third catch of the innings at 171.

England had lost its last four wickets for eight runs in 72 balls.

Spinner Jim Higgs, who took 2-29, was a little astray although he did get several deliveries to turn sharply.

Australia's bowlers were once again spearheaded by Hogg who finished with 3-35 off 14.6 overs. Hogg has now taken 25 wickets in the series so far.

To break record

Gavaskar hits 2nd 100 of Test



RECORD: Indian skipper and opening batsman Sunil Gavaskar hit an unbeaten 182 Tuesday and declared on 34 with only one wicket lost.

Australia's legendary Don Bradman and Sir Garfield Sobers of the West Indies have achieved the distinction only once.

Vengsarkar kept pace with his skipper and reached his

maiden Test century with a cut off Vanburn Holder. He scored an unbeaten 157.

Scores: India 300 and 361 for one declared, West Indies 327.

With last-minute goal

Hilal moves one point clear at head of table



BREAKAWAY: Ittihad's striker Issa Hamdan, sporting a new beard, breaks away from a clutch of Ittifaq players on his way to a goal.

Naser finally gained the vital equalizer when Agrabi and Majid Abdullah was on made ground on the left wing on the spot to hit home a left.

Naser found Mecca's Wehda to be tough opponents in a hard-fought match in Jeddah Monday evening. Moroccan striker Bakkar opened the scoring for Wehda after only 5 minutes and, with fellow forward Shagrun gave Naser defence some anxious moments.

Wehda proved last season that it is a difficult side to beat, but lack of scoring power was its downfall. With the acquisition of Bakkar and Shagrun in the close season, the Mecca side has added the ability to score goals to a tight defense and hard working midfield.

It was this determination to chase and fight for every ball that enabled Wehda to hold onto its one goal lead until half-time despite heavy pressure from the Naser for-

The best chance of the half fell to Shagrun when he moved onto a long clearance as rebounded into the Naser penalty area, but his header was inches wide of the post as he collided with goalkeeper Mabruk and had to be helped from the field with an arm injury.

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To aid modernization

China said seeking \$36b Japan loan

TOKYO, Jan. 2 (AP) — Sources close to the Japanese government say China has asked unofficially if Japan could provide it with 7,000 billion yen (\$35.9 billion) in economic cooperation, the newspaper "Yomiuri" said Tuesday.

"Yomiuri" said the sources added some of the details would be spelled out when Chinese Vice-Foreign Trade Minister Liu Hsi-wei visits Japan in February to negotiate an extension of the Japan-China long-term trade agreement.

The paper said Japan's biggest government loan so far has been 750 billion yen (\$3.8 billion) over 13 years to Indonesia.

It said the loan requested for China, which lacks hard currency, would require setting up a special semi-governmental body because the government and the private sector would have to cooperate in the matter.

"Yomiuri" said China, estimated to need \$600 billion by 1985 for its all-out modernization drive, has hinted at irritation with what it considers Japan's slow pace in setting up the machinery for economic

cooperation with China. Nearly one year ago, Japan and China concluded a trade agreement envisaging two-way trade of 20 billion over eight years, with Japan importing Chinese oil and coal while supplying China with industrial equipment.

Adding trade not covered by the agreement, the eight-year figure would come to around

\$40 billion, and China has called for doubling the size of the agreement.

U.S.-China trade, meanwhile,

is expected to exceed \$1 billion in 1978 and rise to perhaps \$3 billion by 1981.

China and the United States have scheduled trade talks in Washington beginning Jan. 22, the White House announced Tuesday.

The trade negotiations will precede the visit of Chinese Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping later this month.

Financial Times' strikes out for European, U.S. markets

LONDON, Jan. 2 (R) — Britain's financial and business daily newspaper, the "Financial Times," Tuesday launched a major bid to capture markets in Europe and the United States.

"The pink newspaper," as it is called from the color of its paper, was printed for the first time Monday night in the West German city of Frankfurt as well as in London.

The newspaper said this will enable it to reach readers much earlier in business centers in West Germany, Austria, Bel-

gium, Italy, Holland, Switzerland and Turkey, and to be on sale on New York in the morning. It will reach the West Coast before close of business on the day of publication.

Over the coming months, distribution of the Frankfurt-produced newspaper will be extended to other markets, including France, Finland, Greece, Portugal, Canada and Spain.

The newspaper's expansion, planned 18 months ago, coincides with the non-appearance of Britain's most famous newspaper, the "Times," which has been suspended since Nov. 30 because of dispute over new technology.

The "Financial Times," circulation is about 180,000. With high advertising rates, it is one of the few success stories in modern British journalism. In recent years it has broadened its coverage to take in wide reporting of politics, foreign policy and the arts.

Most of the Frankfurt paper will consist of full page facsimile transmissions from London, but there will also be a special section for the "Financial Times'" overseas readers, the newspaper said.

Monday night's print run in Frankfurt was 20,000, but this will be raised to 30,000 over the next three months.

The "Financial Times," in an article explaining the thinking behind its new project, said it hoped to attract new forms of advertising.

Eighty per cent of its revenue already comes from advertising, and between a quarter and a third of that comes from outside Britain.

U.K. may lose millions in Iran, magazine says

LONDON, Jan. 2 (R) — A London economic journal Tuesday forecast British businesses could lose millions in payments for goods exported to Iran as a result of the disorders there. "Export Direction," which claims a readership of more than 100,000 businessmen, said in a dispatch from Tehran, only a small proportion of the \$68 million sterling (\$1.50 million) worth of British goods exported to Iran in the first nine months of 1978 had been paid for.

Iran crisis cuts BP oil supplies

LONDON, Jan. 2 (UPI) — British Petroleum informed all its crude oil customers Tuesday that because of the situation in Iran supplies oil will be cut by 30 to 35 per cent during the first quarter of 1979.

The company said it is seeking alternative sources of supply to help compensate for the Iranian shortfall.

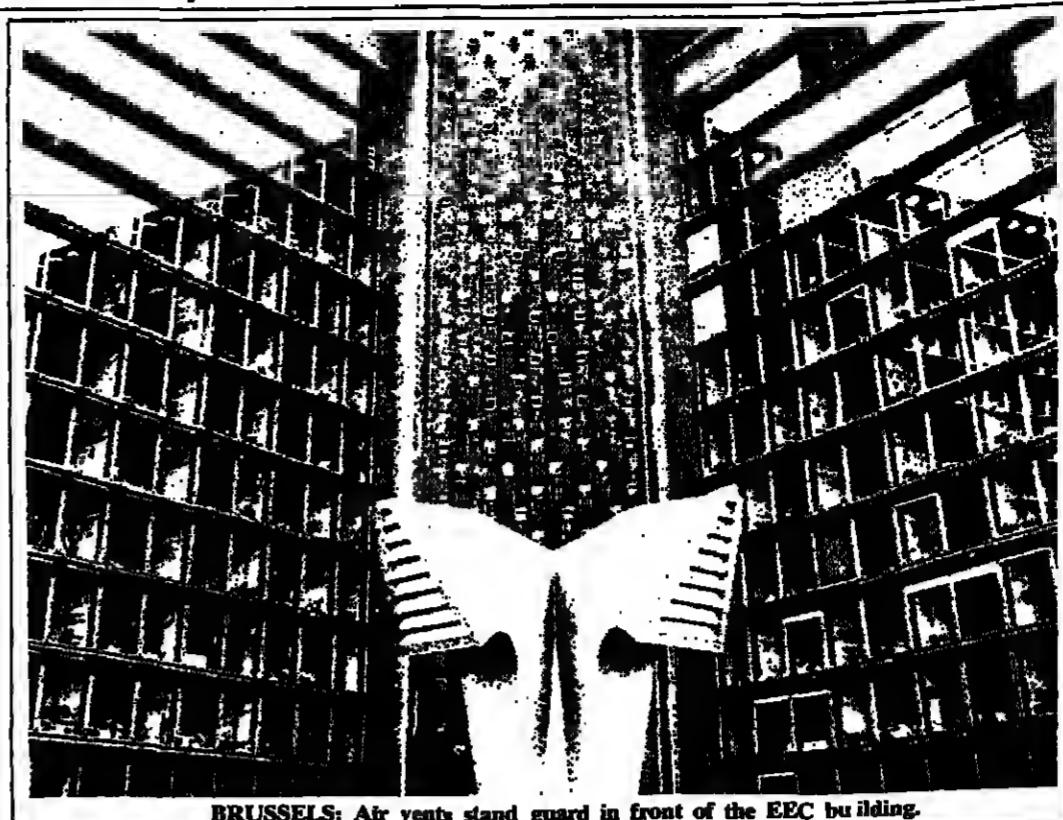
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| Swiss F. (100) | 2.05 | 206.00 | 206.00 |
| French F. (100) | 0.79 | 80.00 | 80.25 |
| Italian Lira (1000) | — | 4.10 | 4.05 |
| Lebanese Lira (100) | — | 111.00 | 111.00 |
| Syrian Lira (100) | — | 81.00 | 85.50 |
| Egyptian Pound | — | 4.50 | 4.77 |
| Kuwaiti Dinar | — | 12.30 | 12.25 |
| Jordanian Dinar | — | 11.40 | 11.32 |
| Emirates Dirham (100) | — | 87.50 | 86.80 |
| Qatari Riyal (100) | — | 87.50 | 86.80 |
| Bahraini Dinar | — | 8.75 | 8.68 |
| Iranian Rial (100) | — | 46.00 | 46.50 |
| Iraqi Dinar | — | 9.85 | — |
| Yemeni Rial (100) | — | 74.00 | 73.30 |
| South Yemeni Dinar | — | — | — |
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Cash and transfer rates supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for currency Exchange and Commerce, Cabel St., Jeddah. SAMA rates announced Tuesday in Jeddah by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, based on average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. dollar.



BRUSSELS: Air vents stand guard in front of the EEC building.

S. Korean trade gap triples to \$2.5b

SEOUL, Jan. 2 (AP) — South Korea's customs clearance trade deficit more than tripled in 1978 to \$2.5 billion from the previous year's \$770 million, according to preliminary official statistics.

Korean exports last year were listed as \$12.5 billion, up 25 per cent from the previous year, while imports jumped 38 per cent to \$15 billion.

The wider trade gap was mainly because of increased imports of capital goods for rapid industrialization and raw materials for growing export processing, in addition to the government's further imports liberalization.

The government Economic Planning Board has estimated that the nation's current account deficit should be below \$1 billion in 1979, because of surpluses in the invisible sector, particularly in overseas construction services.

Volume light

Dollar shaky in New Year

LONDON, Jan. 2 (AP) — The U.S. dollar opened the year by dipping sharply on European currency exchanges Tuesday, but recovered some of the loss in late trading.

Gold bullion prices rose and then dropped back below Friday's year-end quotation.

Volume was light, because

of the holiday and stormy European weather, and relatively small transactions exercised a disproportionate influence on prices, dealers said.

The major financial centers of Zurich and Tokyo were closed.

Dealers in Frankfurt credited the late improvement to small

scale central bank intervention

and a general feeling that the dollar's decline last week was overdone.

The dollar's first business day showed a gain only against the pound sterling. In London sterling dipped from Friday's \$2.0440 to close at \$2.0367. The dollar lost six per cent against the pound in 1978.

Late dollar rates at other European centers, with the

1978 closing and the dollar's

percentage loss for the year:

Frankfurt — 1,8127 marks,

down from 1,9230 (-13 per cent)

Paris — 4,1525 francs, down

from 4,1700 (-11 per cent)

Amsterdam — 1,9575 guilders, down from 1,9720 (-13.5 per cent)

Milan — \$23.60 lire, down

from 828.50. (-5 per cent)

The Zurich gold bullion

market, Europe's largest, was

closed. In London the late price

was \$223.91 a troy ounce, com-

pared to \$226.375 at the close

of 1977.

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1985, the company said Tues-

day.

An official declined to give

further details of the agree-

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West German economics min-

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Algeria will supply LNG to British-German firm

HAMBURG, Jan. 2 (R) —

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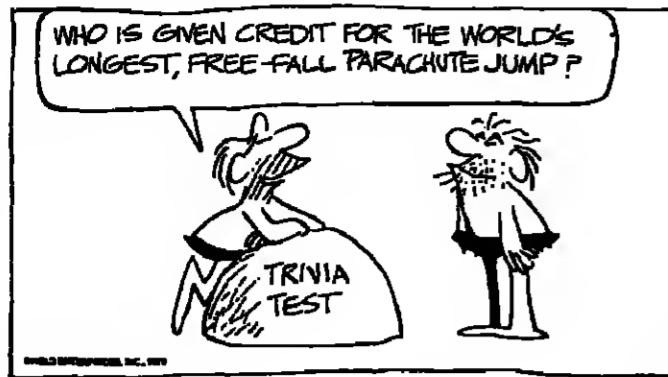
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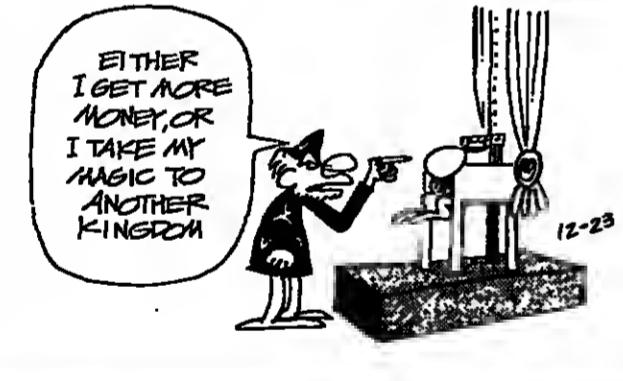


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| 6:09 Priscilla Hauser | Tole Decorating EP. 13 |
| 6:37 Soccer Training Film | How To Watch Soccer |
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| 7:30 Eight Is Enough | Great Expectations |
| 8:19 Randal & Hopkirk | Just For The Record |
| 9:07 Channel Theater | A Time For Killing |

WEATHER

The western and southwestern highlands and parts of the western coast will remain under the effect of the air depression. For this reason, thick clouds will cover them, breaking into rains, coupled sometimes with thunderstorms. The Central Province will also be affected by the air depression.

Surface winds will blow southwards at moderate speed, gaining in velocity in the central and northern provinces, raising dust and sand.

Sea conditions in territorial waters will be calm on the eastern coast and moderate on the western.

Tuesday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

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23 reported dead

Europe emerges from winter freeze

LONDON, Jan. 2 (R) — Northern Europe struggled to break the ice grip of winter Tuesday as more deaths were reported from the continent's coldest weather in years.

At least 23 people have died in Britain, France and West Germany alone since the cold snap from the Russian steppes plunged much of Europe into a new year deep freeze.

Tanker afire in Caribbean; crew members feared dead

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico Jan. 2 (UPI) — A Liberian-registered tanker was reported on fire in the Caribbean Tuesday and 25 of the ship's 30-man crew were missing in a storm.

The Search and Rescue Office of the U.S. Coast Guard in San Juan said a passing Italian freighter, the "Illice," had picked up four survivors and spotted one body, but the remaining 25 crewmen were missing.

(A similar situation involving another tanker is taking place off Spain (see story, page 4).

Radio messages received from the "Illice" identified the burning tanker as the "Master Michael," a 350-foot ship carrying asphalt. There was no indication as to the cause of the fire, which broke out Monday and forced the crew to abandon ship.

The latest victims included an eight-year-old French boy who fell through the ice into the flooded pit of a building site, a seven-year-old British boy who died in a similar tragedy, and a 48-year-old tramp found frozen to death Tuesday in a Paris park.

But in one of the worst-hit areas, north Germany, where 16 people died in blizzards,

conditions were reported to be easing.

Belgian skiers were out on the sand dunes near Ostend and Dutch skating enthusiasts relished the prospect that Holland's most spectacular winter sports event — the 11 towns skating race — would be held next week for the first time in 16 years.

Private cars were allowed

back on most roads of West Germany's northernmost state of Schleswig-Holstein. Army helicopters flew to provisions and ferried out the sick from villages cut off since last weekend.

Across the border to the east, authorities appealed to East German householders to cut down on gas and electricity as snow and freezing temperatures paralyzed fuel supplies to power stations.

Local newspapers said helicopters and soldiers on skis were taking part in relief operations, aided by Soviet troops garrisoned in East Germany.

Signs that temperatures were rising came also from Poland, where thermometers rose a few points throughout the country as power workers battled to repair breakdowns.

But reports from Yugoslavia, Austria, Switzerland and Italy indicated that colder weather was moving southwards.

The Yugoslavs, who were Monday making the most of spring-like weather, suddenly had to contend with snow and freezing northerly winds which affected even the temperature Adriatic Coast.

Switzerland's so-called "little Siberia" region of La Brevine, in the Jura Mountains, recorded minus 20 centigrade during the night as temperatures tumbled from just a few degrees below freezing.

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Condition stable

Doctors keep Hess out of jail

BERLIN, Jan. 2 (Agencies) — Convicted Nazi war criminal Rudolf Hess will remain under care at the British Military Hospital in West Berlin "for the time being" instead of returning to Spandau Prison, a spokesman said Tuesday.

The 84-year-old former deputy fuhrer was taken to the hospital last Friday suffering from a circulatory ailment

and blurred vision.

In announcing his hospitalization, the spokesman said Hess was to be returned to Spandau Prison — where he is the only inmate — after undergoing three days of treatment.

But Hess's health has since prompted the allies to alter the plan and keep him in the hospital for further observation.

The spokesman said Hess's condition had neither improved nor deteriorated in the last few days.

Hess was sentenced to life imprisonment at the Nuremberg Tribunal in 1946 for helping plan the Nazi war. He was taken prisoner five years earlier on May 10, 1941 after parachuting into Scotland on a self-styled peace mission.

Adolf Hitler had Hess declared "mentally incompetent" when he learned that his deputy had flown to Scotland in an effort to stop the war.

12 Years

Hess has been the only inmate of Spandau Prison for the last 12 years. His Third Reich comrades, Albert Speer and Baldur von Schirach, were freed from the prison in October 1966 after completing 20-year sentences.

U.S. will apparently pay Israelis to leave Sinai

JERUSALEM, Jan. 2 (R) — Israeli Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich said Tuesday the United States would pay the \$3 billion cost of relocating Israeli army installations, including airfields, in the Negev after withdrawal from Sinai.

Commenting on the recognition of China by the United States, Wangdei said, "We do not attach much importance to it. His Holiness has been informed but may not choose to comment."

The Dalai Lama and his government in exile are based in the mountain town of Dharamsala, about 400 kilometers north of New Delhi.

Ehrlich said that under the terms of the draft Israel-Egypt peace treaty the Israeli redeployment must be completed in three years, but it was not certain the new installations could be ready in that time.

He later said that Israel faced three difficult years, as production would be affected by the huge shift of manpower to the construction of military installations in the Negev.

Egypt

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